

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
JULY 19, 2004**

The Regular Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 19, 2004.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Ken Sendelweck who presided.

**UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:**

Ken Sendelweck – Chairman  
Greg A. Krodel – Vice Chairman  
Edward J. Kreilein – Secretary  
Michael A. Schwenk – Electric Commissioner  
Jeffrey S. Theising – Water Commissioner  
Mike Harder – Wastewater Commissioner  
Dennis L. Hasenour – Gas Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager  
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager  
Thomas A. Lents – Wastewater Manager  
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager  
Kenneth R. Schultz – Business Manager  
Sandy Hemmerlein – City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (B-23)

Chairman Ken Sendelweck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**QUOTE OPENING: METER READING VEHICLE** (B-29)

Sandy Hemmerlein stated there were 4 quotes requested, but only 2 quotes were received. Hemmerlein opened the quotes and read them aloud as follows:

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| 1. | Bob Luegers Motors | \$27,470.00 2005 GMC Safari Cargo Van<br>- 8,911.00 trade in - 1989 S-10 pickup<br>\$18,559.00  |
| 2. | Uebelhor & Sons    | \$27,470.00 2005 Chevy Astro Cargo Van<br>- 9,525.00 trade in – 1989 S-10 pickup<br>\$17,945.00 |

Mike Schwenk made a motion for Ken Schultz to take the quotes under advisement and report back at the next meeting. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (B-66)

Chairman Ken Sendelweck presented the minutes of the June 21, 2004 meeting and there being no corrections or amendments, asked for a motion to accept. Ed Kreilein made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **UPDATE – OFFICE RENOVATION – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION** (B-75)

Jerry Schitter reported that the office renovation is basically complete. The contractor will be cleaning up on Tuesday. A walk-through will be done on Wednesday to identify any punch list items. The outside concrete work has been completed.

#### **AUCTION** (B-88)

Jerry Schitter reported the property at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Carroll Street was sold last week at an auction.

Sandy Hemmerlein reported the closing is set for Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **STORMS** (B-98)

Jerry Schitter reported that the storm last Tuesday caused 23 circuits to trip at one time or another.

Schitter said every lineman was called in to work and they all responded. They all worked anywhere from 6:30 PM Tuesday to 5:00 AM Wednesday, and came back in at 6:30 AM Wednesday and worked until 7:00 PM that night to get everyone back in service.

Schitter commented that they did a “fabulous” job and expressed his gratitude to the line department and the substation crew.

Chairman Sendelweck asked Schitter to extend the Board’s appreciation to his crews and to all other utility personnel in responding to the storm problems.

Windell Toby commented that the power plant was knocked off-line for a while during the storm.

#### **ELECTRIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-128)

Mike Schwenk, Chairman of the Electric Planning Committee, stated there had not been a meeting to report on.

#### **W. 6<sup>TH</sup> ST. WATER PROJECT** (B-130)

Mike Oeding reported that the project has been completed.

Ken Schultz presented the certificate of substantial completion from Lechner's, Inc. and asked for approval to release retainage in the amount of \$9,540.47 to Lechner's.

Dennis Hasenour made a motion to accept the certificate of substantial completion from Lechner's, Inc. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to release the retainage to Lechner's, Inc. in the amount of \$9,540.47. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **100 SOUTH WATER PROJECT** (B-154)

Mike Oeding reported that the project was substantially complete.

Ken Schultz presented a certificate of substantial completion from Lechner's, Inc. He said retainage would be released at the next meeting.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to accept the certificate of substantial completion from Lechner's, Inc. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **UPDATE – TOP OF THE “Y” PROJECT** (B-168)

Mike Oeding reported that the water and gas lines are complete. He said there is a little clean-up work to do where rain washed away some dirt around the gas lines.

#### **UPDATE – MERIDIAN RD. PROJECT** (B-174)

Mike Oeding reported that the water lines are about 40% complete. Lechner's will be coming in to dig across the ditch because the Water Department doesn't have any equipment that will reach.

The gas work hasn't been started.

#### **ST. JOSEPH CONSTRUCTION WATER CONFLICT** (B-188)

Mike Oeding reported that during construction on St. Joe's new building the construction workers came up against an 8" water line with their foundation. The water line runs across the back of the building and through the cemetery.

Oeding presented a map of the area and pointed out that the best solution would be to cut off the line on 13<sup>th</sup> Street and dead-end it to eliminate the line through the cemetery. A new service line would be installed to connect to 3 existing meters in the Ruxer Field area.

Oeding said he can't find a record of any existing easement in the area, but he contacted Sonny Nordhoff and the School Board, and they would be willing to grant an easement for the service lines.

### **GAS & WATER BUILDING – 2350 TERRY LANE** (B-253)

Mike Oeding reported that an auction was held last week to sell the Gas & Water building at 2350 Terry Lane, but no one responded.

Sandy Hemmerlein asked for Board direction on how to proceed with the sale.

The Board suggested holding a joint Gas & Water Committee meeting to discuss it.

### **LIGHTNING HIT** (B-257)

Mike Oeding reported that lightning hit the 8<sup>th</sup> Street clearwell last Tuesday night causing a soft start relay circuit to burn out, along with a phase monitor, and several lengths of wire.

Oeding said E & K Electric is working on the repairs. There were some problems discovered regarding the work done by Mitchell & Stark. They will be contacted regarding warranty issues.

### **NEWTON ST. WATER TANK PROJECT** (B-268)

Mike Oeding reported that he has the contract with Midwestern Engineers for the Newton St. Water Tank Project. They were supposed to report back with the inspection results at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, but Oeding said there won't be time to drain the tank, etc. in that time frame.

Oeding said he talked to a Midwestern Engineers representative and they agreed to move the report date to October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Schwenk made a motion to move the date for the first report from August 16<sup>th</sup> to October 18<sup>th</sup> as presented. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

### **SOUTH TANK REHAB & CLEARWELL PROJECT** (B-299)

Ken Schultz reported that the South Tank Rehab Project and the Clearwell Project have been completed. Schultz explained that they took out a \$600,000 SRF loan to accomplish those two projects, and it looks like there will be about \$70,000 that hasn't been drawn from the original amount.

Schultz asked for Board approval to pursue with Mike Oeding and Commonwealth Engineers to find another project to be around the \$70,000 figure that could be rolled into this project to draw down the remaining money.

Schultz said the Ireland Meter Pit Relocation Project is coming up and suggested possibly using the remaining money for this project. Oeding said the estimate for the project is \$90,000, if they don't have to move too much pipe. Plans for the project will have to be submitted to the State by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Schultz said any project costs in excess of the approximately \$70,000 will be paid for out of our pockets.

Schultz said the PER would have to be amended by Commonwealth before the SRF people will approve rolling this project into the loan.

Mike Schwenk made a motion to allow Ken Schultz to pursue the project idea with Mike Oeding and Commonwealth Engineers. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **GAS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-351)

Dennis Hasenour, Chairman of the Gas Planning Committee, stated there had not been a meeting to report on.

#### **WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-352)

Jeff Theising, Chairman of the Water Planning Committee, stated there had not been a meeting to report on.

#### **DIVISION “B” SEWER REHAB PROJECT** (B-355)

Tom Lents reported he had a certificate of substantial completion from Reynolds Inliner for the sewer relining in the Holy Family area.

Lents said some of the liners have developed wrinkles and he is concerned if the liner will adhere to the pipe. He believes they are structurally sound, but he has talked to a representative from Reynolds and they have agreed to extend the normal 1-year warranty to a 5-year warranty for those lines. Lents said Sandy Hemmerlein has reviewed the warranty.

Lents also said a ¾” ridge has developed in the center of a 10 ft. section of flow line. He said he was concerned because the ridge might cause blockages. Reynolds has worked on it and they were able to mitigate it a little, but Lents said it still concerns him, and he didn’t want to accept it the way it was without some sort of relief. Reynolds agreed to either dig it up and redo the line or to allow a \$6,000 settlement. Lents said he preferred accepting the settlement because the line is not in a real high hazard area, and they can monitor the line for blockages.

Ken Schultz presented the certificate of substantial completion from Reynolds Inliner, which involves a punch list item on this problem for a \$2,000 deduct. In lieu of that, he has a letter from Reynolds In Liner stating that they are offering a \$6,000 settlement.

Schultz presented Change Order #3 reducing the amount of the contract by \$6,000.

After \$6,000 is subtracted from the contract price, the final balance due and payment from retainage will be \$9,295.62. Schultz said the Wastewater Utility would retain the remainder of the retainage (\$868.76), and the project will be closed out.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to accept the certificate of substantial completion from Reynolds Inliner, as recommended by Tom Lents, with the condition of the 5-year warranty. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

Mike Schwenk made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for a deduct of \$6,000. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

Dennis Hasenour made a motion to release the retainage of \$9,295.62, with the remainder of the retainage (\$868.76) to be retained by the Wastewater Utility. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **STORMS** (B-447)

Tom Lents reported that 9 lift stations went down during the storm last Tuesday, but most of them came back up on their own. He had a crew out until 3:00 AM on Wednesday to get the other lift stations back up.

#### **UV LIGHT SYSTEM** (B-479)

Tom Lents reported the UV Light System at the Wastewater Plant is working very well.

#### **WASTEWATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (B-487)

Mike Harder, Chairman of the Wastewater Planning Committee, stated there had not been a meeting to report on.

#### **MEETING WITH GERMAN AMERICAN BANK** (B-490)

Ken Schultz reported that he attended a meeting with GAB representatives last week to discuss any problems they might be having with them or vice versa.

Schultz said during the meeting he asked the representatives to consider waiving the 8-cent ACH transaction fee, which is now passed on to the customer. He said he receives a monthly billing from GAB for about \$32.00, which has been difficult to reconcile.

Schultz reported that GAB has agreed to waive the 8-cent fee starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & PRESENTATION OF CLAIM DOCKET** (B-509)

Ed Kreilein reported the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the claims on the Claim Docket.

Also presented were claims on behalf of Commonwealth Engineering in the amount of \$3,609.00, representing construction and inspection services related to the Water Tank Rehabilitation project; and, on behalf of Utility Service Co., Inc. in the amount of \$95,176.00, representing final construction services relating to the Water Tank Rehabilitation project, which will be submitted to the State Revolving Loan Fund for payment after Utility Service Board approval.

Also presented were claims on behalf of Commonwealth Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$4,596.18, representing engineering services; and, on behalf of Harrison & Moberly, LLP in the amount of \$2,499.00, relating to the Titan liquidated damages issue for the Wastewater Project.

SRF and BIF fund have been exhausted, therefore after Utility Service Board approval, the above referenced claims will be paid from Wastewater funds.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the claims as presented.

Dennis Hasenour made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

**UPDATE – GLOBAL TECH** (B-529)

Sandy Hemmerlein reported that Global Tech did come back and finished the work on the Titan project.

She said our outside counsel is working on getting together the final numbers to make a final demand of Cincinnati Insurance.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM upon motion by Dennis Hasenour and second by Jeff Theising. Motion approved, 7-0.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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Chairman